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TAGS: PEPR, US, AF

SUBJ: (C) KHALQIS POSSIBLY WAVING OLIVE BRANCH TOWARD WASHINGTON?

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ON SEPTEMBER 22, TWO AFGHAN OFFICIALS, ONE FROM THE
 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE OTHER FROM THE MINISTRY
 OF PLANNING, TOLD A USAID TCM THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF
 PRESIDENT KAFIZULLAH AMIN INTENDS TO IMPROVE AFGHANISTAN'S
 BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. AMONG SPECIFIC
 MEASURES BEING CONSIDERED BY AMIN, ACCORDING TO THE TWO
 OFFICIALS, IS AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF APOLOGY OVER THE FEBRUARY
 14 DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS..

3. COMMENT: THE TWO AFGHANS MAY HAVE INTENDED THAT THEIR
 MESSAGE REACH USG EARS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SUBSTANTIATING
 INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ABOUT AMIN'S CURRENT ATTITUDE
 TOWARD US, THE LOCAL SOVIET EMBASSY IS VERY AWARE THAT THE
 DUBS CASE REMAINS A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT IN U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS.
 IF THE SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN UPGRADING THE IMAGE OF
 AMIN, AS WE BELIEVE THEY ARE, THEY MIGHT BE ADVISING HIM
 TO IMPROVE HIS RELATIONS WITH NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

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